# LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

## To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that Competitive Communications Group (CCG) is an authorized representative of Premiere Network Services, Inc. with the authority to take the following actions on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc.:

- 1. Execute on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. as a corporate designated representative, certification documents and to process local certification documents in any state on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc.
- 2. Execute on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. any required documentation to transact business on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. and to process any documentation necessary to transact business in any state.
- 3. Sign, file and notarize on behalf of Premiere Network Services, Inc. any document and/or process any document for any of the purposes listed in Paragraphs 1 and 2.

Premiere Network Services, Inc. 1510 North Hampton Road - Suite 120 DeSoto, TEXAS 15115

Name: Leo A. Wrobel

Title: President

STATE OF TEXAS, DALLAS COUNTY, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Leo A. Wrobel, the authorized representative of Premiere Network Services, Inc., personally known or made known to me and he/she made oath, under the penalties of perjury, that the facts and statements contained in this Letter of Authorization document are true and that he acknowledged to me that he freely and voluntarily executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

DAVID P. MOWERY
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires 08-10-2003

David P. Mowery, Notacy Public

#### Attachment 1

## **Contact Persons to Work with Staff**

The Commission's contact person for issues relating to the processing of this application and "tariff" and pricing issues is:

Terri F. Firestein Consultant Premiere Network Services, Inc. 10806 Garrison Hollow Road Clear Spring, Maryland 21722

Voice: 301-842-1437 Fax: 301-842-1439

E-mail Address: tfireccg@aol.com

The Commission's contact for consumer issues, customer complaint resolution, technical and service quality issues, 9-1-1 issues and security/law enforcement is:

Jacquetta Peace Operations Manager Premiere Network Services, Inc. 1510 North Hampton Road, Suite 120 DeSoto, Texas 75115

Voice: 972-228-6810 Fax: 972-217-1996

E-mail address: jaqi@rewireit.com

## Attachment 2

# Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Authority

Premiere has filed for a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State of Illinois and it is pending. A copy of the certificate will be furnished to the Commission once it is received.

#### ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

OF

In the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas
AUG 2 7 1997

Corporations Section

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

# ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

## ARTICLE TWO

The following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation were adopted on August 15, 1997, to be effective August 15, 1997.

ARTICLE FOUR is amended to read: The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is one million (1,000,000) shares of Common Stock of the par value of ONE AND NO/100 (\$1.00) DOLLARS per share.

ARTICLE SIX is amended to read: The street address of its registered office is 17304 North Preston Road, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75252 and the name of the initial registered agent at this address is Leo A. Wrobel.

#### ARTICLE THREE

The number of shares of the corporation outstanding and entitled to vote at the time of such adoption was 100,000.

## ARTICLE FOUR

The number of shares voted for such amendments was 100,000; the number of shares voted against such amendments was zero.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

The manner in which any exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares provided for in the amendments shall be effected as follows: The 100,000 issued and outstanding shares

having a par value of Ten Cents (10¢) each shall be exchanged for 10,000 shares having a par value of ONE AND NO/100 (\$1.00) DOLLAR each.

#### ARTICLE SIX

The manner in which the change in stated capital is effected, and the amount of stated capital as changed, are as follows: NONE.

ATTEST:

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LEO A. WROBEL, Sec.

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC., a Texas corporation

BY:

LEO A. WROBEL, Pres.

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

BEFORE ME, a notary public, on this day personally appeared LEO A. WROBEL, President and Secretary of PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC., a Texas corporation, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of office this \*\* day of August, 1997.

MICHELE D. NEWHOUSE NOTARY PUBLIC State of Texas Comm. Exp. 04-29-2001

Notary Public in and for the

State of Texas

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#### ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

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In the Office of the
Secretary of State of Texas

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Corporations Section

# PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

# ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

## ARTICLE TWO

The following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted on August 27, 1997, to be effective August 27, 1997.

ARTICLE FOUR is amended to read: The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is one million (1,000,000) shares of Common Stock of the par value of TEN CENTS (10¢) per share.

## ARTICLE THREE

The number of shares of the corporation outstanding and entitled to vote at the time of such adoption was 100,000.

#### ARTICLE FOUR

The number of shares voted for such amendment was 100,000; the number of shares voted against such amendment was zero.

## ARTICLE FIVE

The manner in which any exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares provided for in the amendments shall be effected as follows: NONE

## ARTICLE SIX

The manner in which the change in stated capital is effected, and the amount of stated capital as changed, are as follows: NONE.

ATTEST:

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES,

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By: Shummulabel

SHARON M. WROBEL, Sec.

LEO A. WROBEL, Pres.

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BEFORE ME, a notary public, on this day personally appeared LEO A. WROBEL, President and SHARON M. WROBEL, Secretary of PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC., a Texas corporation, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing document, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

GIVEN UNDER BY HAND AND SEAL of office this 2 day of September

1997.

Henry Tentering

Notary Public in and for the

State of Texas

## ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

Secretary of State of Texas
DEC 1.5 1998

OF

Corporations Section

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

# **ARTICLE ONE**

The name of the corporation is PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

## ARTICLE TWO

The following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was adopted on December 8, 1998, to be effective December 8, 1998.

ARTICLE FOUR is amended to read: The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have the authority to issue is ten million (10,000,000) shares of Common Stock of the par value of ONE CENT (1¢) per share.

# ARTICLE THREE

The number of shares for the corporation outstanding and entitled to vote at the time of such adoption was 173,500.

## **ARTICLE FOUR**

The number of shares voted for such amendment was 173,500, the number of shares voted against such amendment was zero.

## ARTICLE FIVE

The manner in which any exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares provided for in the amendment shall be effected as follows:

Ten (10) shares of one cent (10) stock shall be exchanged for one (1) share of ten cent (10c) stock, par value

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# ARTICLE SIX

The manner in which the change in stated capital is effected, and the amount of stated capital as changed, are as follows: NONE

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC., a

Texas corporation

By: VOPOPEL Provider

LEO A. WROBEL, President

ATTEST:

SHARON M. WROBEL, Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ELLIS

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BEFORE ME, a notary public, on this day personally appeared LEO A. WROBEL, President and SHARON M. WROBEL, Secretary, of PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC., a Texas corporation, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing document, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are true and correct.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of office this // day of December, 1998.

Notary Rublic in and for the State of Texas

#### Attachment 3

## Managerial and Technical Expertise

Applicant's President, Founder and CEO Leo A. Wrobel is a widely published, nationally recognized expert in Advanced Technology. Mr. Wrobel holds degrees in Telecommunications Systems Technology, electronic Systems Technology and Business Public Policy. An active author, lecturer and technical futurist, Mr. Wrobel has published nine books and dozens of trade articles on a variety of technical subjects, including:

- Disaster Recovery Planning for Telecommunications © 1990 Artech House Books,
- Writing Disaster Recovery Plans for Telecommunications Networks and Lans © 1993 Artech House Books.
- <u>Understanding Emerging Network Services, Pricing and Regulation</u> © 1995 Artech House Books,
- Managing Emerging Technology for Strategic Advantage © 1995 Computer Economics Inc.

Mr. Wrobel possesses nearly two decades of experience including assignments with AT&T, a mortgage banking company, and a host of other firms engaged in banking, brokerage, heavy manufacturing, telecommunications services and government.

Regis J. Bates, Jr. is one of the Applicant's Senior Consultants. Mr. Bates, Jr., has more than twenty-nine years experience in telecommunications and management, systems integration, disaster recovery and avoidance, strategic planning, cost reduction and containment. Mr. Bates, Jr. specializes in voice and data communications, technical training development and instruction. Mr. Bates, Jr. is an active lecturer and the author of numerous trade articles and books, including:

- <u>Disaster Recovery Planning: Networks, Telecommunications, and Data Communications</u> McGraw-Hill,
- Introduction to T1/T3 Networking Artech House Books,
- Disaster Recovery for Lans McGraw-Hill,
- <u>Wireless Networked Communications: Concepts, Technology, and Implementation</u>
  McGraw-Hill

A detailed biography of Mr. Wrobel's prior telecommunications experience is attached hereto.

A widely published, nationally-recognized expert in Advanced Technology, and proven rain maker, Leo A. Wrobel has historically applied his charismatic mix of Organizational, Communicative and Technical Skills to foresighted firms which demand top-notch support.

# A 20 Year History of Distinguished Achievements

5/86 - Present:

President, Founder and CEO
Premiere Network Services Inc., Dallas, TX

In 1986, Wrobel (then age 30) personally secured \$ 3/4 million in start-up funding to found Premiere Network Services Inc. He directed construction of a 10,000 sq. ft. computer center designed to provide disaster recovery support to clients utilizing various mainframe computer systems. This was the first facility in the US co-located with a common carrier, a practice which has since gained widespread acceptance in the industry. This facility operated until December, 1991. After this time, he outsourced the recovery center's operations to focus on the consulting side of the venture. He has since expanded the practice both domestically and overseas and conducted a wide variety of assignments over the last seven years centering on adaptation of advanced technology to specific business problems. His experience includes assignments with companies involved in Banking, Brokerage, Telecommunication Services, Manufacturing, Health Care, Service Bureaus and Government. Highlights include:

- Conceptualized, designed and secured regulatory approval for one of the first true "information superhighway" class networks in Texas. (Details on following page)
- Installed one of the first corporate microwave systems in Texas. (Lomas & Nettleton -Qwest Microwave venture, 1986)
- Was one of the first people in Texas to run T1 traffic over a cable television system.
   (Lomas & Nettleton Warner Amex Cable, 1985)
- Lectured for over 200 of the recognized Fortune 1000 companies in the US as well as overseas.
- · Published nine books and dozens of trade articles.
- Consulted in the capacity of Regulatory Compliance Officer for a long distance company.
- Codified numerous Disaster Recovery Plans, for Banking, Brokerage, Manufacturing, and Government.
- Frequent and popular guest speaker at expositions, user forums and public television.

An acutely imaginative "idea person," Wrobel has pioneered many first-time concepts for the industry. He is the author of such noteworthy books as <u>Disaster Recovery Planning for Telecommunications</u> and <u>Writing Disaster Recovery Plans for Telecommunications and LANs</u> (C) 1990 and 1993, Artech House Books, and <u>Implementing a Successful Telecommunications Disaster Recovery Program</u> (C) 1993, IS Management Group. He has also authored <u>Understanding Emerging Network Services, Pricing and Regulation</u> (C) 1995, Computer Economics, a guide to Regulatory and Technical skills required for 21st century networks. He also publishes numerous articles, white papers, and monographs. A well-known lecturer and keynote speaker, Wrobel has lectured in most of the 50 states, as well as Canada, Israel, and Chile on a variety of technical topics. He has enjoyed repeated success in assignments which motivate diverse divisions, and advance an organization's goals as a whole.

Texas instruments Inc., Plano, TX

In addition to his responsibilities with Premiere, in January 1993, Wrobel began a special assignment with Texas Instruments intended to "Design TI's worldwide network for the year 2000." In a matter of months he posted many unique accomplishments directed toward the goal of making TI best in its class in telecommunications networking. Most noteworthy of these was the tactical implementation of a strategic Master Services Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone and GTE, the result of a series of Executive Interviews geared toward enlightened adaptation of technology. This effort involved extensive executive contact in technical, legal, and public regulatory environments. Highlights include:

- Developed the strategy to form a strategic three-way partnership between GTE. Southwestern Bell and TI, for construction of an OC-12 Information Highway class network for Texas instruments.
- · Predicted the willingness of GTE and Bell to team with major industry players, through established executive contacts within the Bell companies, and a deep understanding of underlying industry trends.
- Directed TI, Bell and GTE design engineers, in adapting this leading-edge technology to TI core businesses.
- Digested major objectives of his plan to an understandable white paper for TI, Bell, and GTE management.
- Developed a detailed regulatory strategy for building support within US governing bodies including the Texas Public Utility Commission, FCC, and the Legislature.
- · Coordinated top level GTE and Bell executives, including Senior Vice Presidents of Operations, Engineering, Legal, and Regulatory divisions and secured firm commitments from each, in record time.
- Conducted numerous face-to-face meetings with Texas PUC and FCC staff members, extolling the value of this proposal in terms of jobs, growth, and US competitiveness.
- Coordinated the efforts of TI's Government Affairs offices in both Austin and Washington.

Wrobel also conducted extensive executive interviews with major TI business division managers and vice presidents shortly after coming on board. The purpose of these interviews was to gain the perspectives of business division policy makers to better adapt emerging technologies to specific business requirements, such as shortened product cycle time. Strategic application of technology is the comerstone of Wrobel's skill set.

## **Prior History of Accomplishments**

1984-1986

Lomas & Nettleton Information Services , Dallas, TX

Wrobel directed Voice and Data Communications planning for this mortgage banking company with a ten building campus. His involvement in specifying, designing, and coordinating installation of information systems was extensive.

As chief technical officer, Wrobel was charged with evaluating new network technologies from a cost and strategic business perspective, and made long term recommendations. These encompassed many "firsts", including one of the first microwave radio systems for carrier access installed in Texas, and the first agreement with a cable television company to carry T1 traffic in Dallas. Leo Wrobel regularly produced six-figure cost savings in his capacity through implementation of superior technology, regular reviews of carrier tariffs, and savvy contract negotiation.

# Prior Experience, Continued

5/79-10/84 AT&T Communications, Dallas TX

4/75-5/79 US Air Force Japan / Telecommunications

## Other Noteworthy Assignments

1988-1997 Wrobel has been a popular instructor for Clifton NJ-based Data Tech Institute, and other prestigious national seminar companies for the past ten years, on a wide variety of technical topics, including:

Disaster Recovery Planning

T1/T3 SONET Networking

Emerging Telecommunications Technologies

Over 5,000 individuals have attended Leo Wrobel's seminars over the last ten years.

Dec. 1995 Appeared as guest panelist on KLRU-TV's "Austin at Issue" as expert on emerging telecommunications technology.

1987-1997 Served Four Terms as City Councilman, Elected Mayor in May 1995.

Presently Mayor, City of Ovilla, Texas.

1991-1992 Lectured in Tel Aviv, Israel and Santiago, Chile for Logtel Computer Communications LTD on the subject of telecommunications disaster

recovery planning.

1990-1997 Author of nine books, under contract for two more including: \*Office
Anywhere! The Fortune Company's Guide to Supporting Nomadic Users

and Telecommuters" (C) 1997 Artech House Books, Norwood, MA.

For More Info: Contact our web site: www.dallas.net/~premiere

#### Education

1986 Amber University, Garland, TX Attended - MBA Program
 1984 University of Texas at Dalias Bachelors Degree, Business and Public Policy
 1978 Los Angeles City College AA Electronics Systems Technology

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